

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
South Fulton Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road
Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 5:00PM



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)

WORK SESSION MINUTES

- Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 5:00pm.
The roll was called by the City Clerk. All members were present.

- Executive Session regarding Personnel
 - a. **A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to recess for a closed Executive Session**

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regarding Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate. Councilmember Willis rescinded her motion.

b. A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to recess for a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid was away from the dias. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

c. A motion was made by Mayor Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to close the Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid was away from the dias. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

The Executive Session began at 5:01pm and adjourned at 6:50pm.

d. A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to extend the Work Session for an additional 15 to 30 minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid was away from the dias. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

- South Fulton CID Presentation – Joddie Gray

Ms. Joddie Gray, South Fulton CID Administrator and Mr. Mark Sanders, South Fulton CID Government Relations Counsel of South Fulton CID gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining who they are, their purpose and locations of the South Fulton CID.

Ms. Gray described the South Fulton CID 2018-2020 Focus Projects and the benefits to the local communities. She provided a list of the Multi-Modal Study Projects and the benefits to the City of South Fulton.

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Ms. Gray requested the approval of the South Fulton CID Cooperation Agreement with the City of South Fulton and she recommended the appointment of Ryan J. Bandy, Vice President, Clarion Partners as the cities representative.

Ms. Gray and Mr. Sanders entertained questions from Councilmembers. Questions were asked about the South Fulton CID boundaries, the priority projects, the Multi-Modal Projects within the City of South Fulton, the board appointment and the future Expansion Resolution.

Ms. Gray will send Councilmembers additional information on South Fulton CID properties, 2018 priority/key projects within the City of South Fulton and a draft of the Multi-Modal projects.

- **Discussion Items:**
 - i. **Record of Pending Ordinances – David Dove, City Attorney Representative.**

Mr. Dove gave an overview of pending and adopted Ordinances and their status. (Mr. Dove stated that this is the first draft report and corrections and additions will be made.) He encouraged Councilmembers to email any changes or corrections. An updated list will be provided at each Council Work Session.

Councilmember Gumbs requested that Resolutions be included. Councilmember Rowell requested adding a column with Ordinance Numbers.

Mayor Edwards indicated that each Ordinance or Resolution has an economic impact. He requested to include economic impact for public information.

- ii. **Resolution to require certain protocols for citizens making public comments; to institute process of responding to citizens' questions provided in City Council meetings; providing**

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transparency and accountability for the City of South Fulton;
and for other purposes. **(Gumbs)**

Councilmember Gumbs strongly encouraged her colleagues to support the Resolution for the benefit of the public, so the questions and concerns during the public comment period can be addressed/answered.

- iii. Resolution to develop a park, recreation, trail and open space master plan for the City of South Fulton. **(Rowell and Gilyard)**

Councilmember Rowell invited Tony Phillips, Director of Parks & Recreation for Fulton County to discuss the process of developing a Master Plan for Park & Recreation for all Districts in the City of South Fulton.

Mayor Edwards stressed the importance of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Citizens could vote on a bond issuance to get money for updating all the parks.

Councilmember Rowell requested a Work Session devoted to Parks and Recreation be scheduled as soon as possible.

- iv. Resolution urging the Georgia General Assembly to oppose de-annexation legislation to create new municipalities; providing for severability, repealing inconsistent resolutions, providing an effective date, and for other purposes. **(Gilyard, Rowell, Gumbs and Willis)**

Councilmember Gilyard discussed how the events going on in Eagles Landing in Stockbridge, Georgia might have an impact on other cities in Georgia. Citizens in the Eagles Landing subdivision contacted the General Assembly to inquire about incorporating as an independent City.

- v. An Ordinance to adopt the City SmokeFree Act of 2017. **(Rowell and Gumbs)**

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Councilmember Rowell discussed the benefits of this Ordinance as it relates to second-hand smoke in and around establishments, and discouraging our youth to refrain from smoking. Councilmember Gumbs added her support and stated this does not impact the smoke/cigar houses.

Councilmember Jackson distributed copies of a proposed Comprehensive Plan to Councilmembers and indicated this is coming up, and the Plan should be reviewed and start preparations to move forward.

- **Adjournment**

e. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Baker and seconded by Councilmember Rowell to adjourn the Work Session. Hearing no objection, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Work Session adjourned at 7:52pm.

Mark Massey, City Clerk



DIVIDER SHEET

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:53pm.
The roll was called by the City Clerk. All members were present.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren T. Henry.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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4. Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - a. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, January 9, 2018 (Work Session and Regular Meeting)
 - b. Request approval to amend Res2018-003 - Community Development Services Department's 2018 Calendars
 - c. Proclamation – Calvin Lamar, Sr. Appreciation Day, January 13, 2018. **(Jackson)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda
 - a. **A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember khalid to amend the Regular Meeting Agenda to include/add an Ordinance defining the duties and powers of the City Department Heads providing for their appointment, and for other purposes.**

Mayor Edwards requested an opinion from Legal Counsel concerning the Charter's procedure on emergency circumstances for amending the Regular Meeting Agenda. Attorney David Dove cited Ord2017-003, Procedural Section 2.2002 of subsection g, (2), ii; that states 'Adding of items to the agenda during the meeting is disfavored. Where there is a showing of an emergency or extraordinary circumstances exist, an item may be added to the agenda when it is adopted during the meeting by four affirmative votes. A motion shall be properly made and must carry to add each item to the agenda on the day of the meeting. That item shall appear on the post agenda under the "added during the meeting" heading.'

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Mayor Edwards found that Councilmember Jackson's amendment to the Regular Meeting Agenda was not of an emergency nature.

b. Councilmember khalid made a motion to amend the Regular Meeting Agenda to include/add a Memorandum of Agreement with Fulton County in relation to Creel Park and staffing.

Mayor Edwards found that Councilmember khalid's amendment was not of an emergency nature.

c. A motion was made by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as presented by the City Clerk. Mayor Pro Tem Baker, Councilmembers Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard and Jackson voted yea. Councilmember khalid voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-0-0.

6. Proclamations and Recognitions

There were no Proclamations or Recognitions.

7. Public Comment

- a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

The following five (5) Citizens offered public comment:

- **Mr. Reginald Tatum (District 1)** Concerned with crime in South Fulton. He would like to put some pressure on Fulton County School Board to improve education in South Fulton. The new Police Chief should be fierce individual.
- **Ms. Linda Pritchett Fleming (District 7)** Concerned with crime on Old National Highway. Shopping carts from Kroger are being stolen. There is a need to develop a plan to clean up this issue.

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- **Ms. Glenda Collins (District 5)** Attended Fulton County Transit Master Plan meeting. Residents will be expected to pay the cost for additional services and MARTA still has areas that need to be cleaned.
- **Mr. Jarman Bryant (District 5)** COSF needs a City Manager. E-mailed the entire Council and only the Mayor responded in references to on-line voter registration. He has concerns with the lack of garbage pickup in his neighborhood.
- **Ms. Beverly Young (District 7)** Concerned with when trash pickup will begin because trash is thrown along Flat Shoals.

8. Business

a. Resolutions

- i. Resolution of the City of South Fulton, Georgia executing a Cooperation Agreement between the City and the South Fulton Community Improvement District and to provide an effective date. **(Res2017-061, HELD on October 10, 2017)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to hold Res2017-061 until the Council receives additional information from the South Fulton CID. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

b. Ordinances

- i. **[2nd READING]** An Ordinance to establish regulations for Hotels, Motels and Extended Stay Hotels; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. **(Rowell – Ord2018-001)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to adopt Ord2018-001. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

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- ii. ~~[1st READING] Offenses by those owning or controlling vehicles. Amendment to Ordinance No. 2017-018, entitled "Ordinance to Create Title 8 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, Traffic and Vehicles, and to establish general rules of the road for the City of South Fulton." (Willis - Ord2018-002)~~

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to remove Ord2018-002, the language is incorporated in item iii. below, [1st READING] An Ordinance to establish the City of South Fulton Truck Routes Ordinance as Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the City of South Fulton code of Ordinances. (Rowell, Willis and Jackson – Ord2018-003). The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- iii. [1st READING] An Ordinance to establish the City of South Fulton Truck Routes Ordinance as Chapter 2 of Title 8 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances. (Rowell, Willis and Jackson – Ord2018-003)

Councilmember Willis thanked Councilmembers Rowell and Jackson for their support of this Ordinance, due to the old outdated laws concerning truck routes on the residential streets in the City of South Fulton. Support from all Councilmembers was encouraged.

- iv. [1ST READING] An Ordinance to create Title 11 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, to establish offenses related to criminal street gangs; to provide for authority to combat the growth and activity of criminal street gangs; and for other purposes. (Jackson – Ord2018-004)

Councilmember Jackson indicated the City of South Fulton needs this Ordinance to get our streets cleaned of gangs and violence.

David Dove corrected the language from 'Title 11' to Title 15, Chapter 6.

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- v. **[1st READING]** An Ordinance to create Title 15 of the City of South Fulton Code of Ordinances, criminal offenses; to establish general offenses, offenses related to property rights, offenses related to the public peace and order, offenses related to loitering, offenses related to criminal gangs; to establish penalties; and for other purposes.
(Rowell and Gumbs – Ord2018-005)

Councilmember Rowell made changes: In the Packet on page 98, strike item e, redundancy within the Ordinance (addressed adequately on page 96, Sec. 15-1001), under Section 15-2005 include/add signage in the right of way. On page 126 Sec. 15-6003, (b) & (c) bring titles together. All changes to be made for 2nd READING.

Per Judge Tiffany Sellers two changes in the Packet: (1) page 96, Sec., 15-1001, Penalties in General, replace \$1,000.00 or imprisonment in the city jail for not more than 180 days to 12 months; and (2) page 106, Sec. 15-2007 Theft by shoplifting (a) replace \$100.00 or less with \$500.00 or less. All changes made to be in line with the State Court of Georgia statutes. All changes to be made for 2nd READING

Councilmember Jackson to amend Chapter 4 - LOITERING, include/add a Loitering Ordinance to include 'No Loitering Signs'.

9. Other Reports

- a) City Contracts – CFO Frank Milazi

CFO Frank Milazi indicated the current list of Contracts still need signatures. The list includes Contracts which were not approved previously by Council. The list will be available to Council for the February 13th Meeting.

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b) Financial Report – CFO Frank Milazi

CFO Milazi detailed the City's financial status during his Report, including the monthly services and charges provided by Fulton County. He indicated tax money has started coming in, but the majority of the tax money will be incoming during January and February. We have received \$3.9 million in tax revenue. We currently have 63 employees, and Fire will transition over in February.

c) Police Pursuit Vehicles – Teresa Adams (Purchasing)

Ms. Adams gave a report on the need of vehicles for the transition of the Police Department. COSF needs to purchase five (5) vehicles prior to March 26, 2018, to replace outdated vehicles.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to approve the expenditure of \$200,000.00 for the five (5) vehicles. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

d) Information Technology Overview – Namarr Strickland (IT)

During his PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Strickland gave the Councilmembers updated information regarding current technology inventory of hardware/software, transition readiness, and IT outsourcing needs, Microsoft agreement expenditures, equipment maintenance and IT recommendations are moving forward.

10. Mayor and City Council Comments (Two Minutes Each)

Councilmembers were given the opportunity to make announcements or statements regarding activities held or upcoming in their respective districts.

The Mayor announced that City Officials participated in the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Mayor's Day, and the City received the 'City of Ethics' designation.

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11. Executive Session

a. A motion was made by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to recess for a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel and Litigation. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Executive Session began at 9:35pm and adjourned at 10:42pm

b. A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Councilmember Willis to close the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The City Clerk announced there was no action taken during Executive Session.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember khalid and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to adjourn the regular meeting. Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43pm.

Mark Massey, City Clerk